

**INITIATIVE AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS COMMITTEE  
CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

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*Reference: CBJ Charter Articles VI, VII, VIII & XIV and CBJ Code 29.10 Initiative and Petition*

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Initiative Short Title: **Ship Free Saturdays**

WHEREAS, the Juneau “cruise season” adversely impacts Juneau residents’ health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry has created a Juneau “cruise season” this year, 2024, of 195 days to run from April 9-October 24, and without pause for 142 days, from May 2-September 27; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Juneau residents think that our local government is not doing enough to manage cruise tourism; and

WHEREAS, city leaders and industry have had decades to act and have failed to balance the economic benefits to some against the economic and other harms of the many imposed by the cruise tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, residents are displaced by cruise industry overtourism from downtown, the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area, and recreation and food harvesting on area lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, excess human presence and human-driven noise from overtourism sullies the sentient, sacred, divine, and living ancestral natural environment necessary for cultural and spiritual health and growth; and

WHEREAS, health, learning, productivity, and enjoyment are diminished by air pollution, noise, light pollution, and traffic from cruise ships, tour buses, helicopters, floatplanes, and boats; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would provide one day per week, in a consistent and predictable manner, for rest, recovery, recreation, fishing, gathering, and events and activities at home, downtown, and elsewhere in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would give businesses providing cruise industry services one predictable day per week to schedule maintenance and time off. This pause could result in safer, cleaner, and better operations and happier employees; and

WHEREAS, Ship Free Saturdays would enhance the experiences of independent visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July is a day of community celebration and festivity that extends along our waterfront and through our narrow downtown streets. Making July Fourth cruise ship free opens possibilities for additional community use and enjoyment of our downtown and harbor throughout the entire day.

SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Title 20, Business Regulations, is amended to create a new chapter entitled CBJ 20.50 Cruise Ships, with a new section to read as follows:

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20.50.010. No cruise ship with a capacity of 250 passengers or more shall be allowed to dock, moor, or disembark passengers within the City and Borough of Juneau boundaries on any Saturday or July 4.

**Section 2.** CBJ 85.10.050 (k), Harbor Administration, Parking, is amended to add as follows:

(7) All downtown waterfront parking restricted for commercial vehicle use relating to cruise tourism shall be available and posted for free public parking on Saturdays and July 4.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after the election is certified.

**The following qualified voters and residents of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, state under oath that they constitute the petitioners committee for the above referenced initiative.** The coalition has been formed and will be responsible for circulating booklets for voter signatures.

**All notices should be mailed to:**

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DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.

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